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SOCIATION. I would like to ask those who know. not Mr. O. P Angelo, what constitutes the above association? For the first time in three years I see that it has a secretary, and he says all complaints should be made in writing to him. Who is Mr. O. P. Augelo? Is he all right? Is he a commuter? Is he now directly interested in the welfare of the trading public? Mr. Angelo is an engineer on the Southern Bailway, always has a warm berth in his cab, and knows, and perhaps cares, as little about the condition existing on the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway as a Second ward councilman knows the last piece of game added to the ex-president's surels in "Darkest Africa." Let him get up early some frosty morning and ake a trip on the road he now lauds to the skies and see what a change will come over the spirit of his dreams. Let him see the windows, like self-raising buckwheat, ascend from the bottom and snow, wind, rain and sleet enter uninvited. When the commuter enters the

door, from the stepmother breath that greets him, he naturally imagines he is with Peary or Cook in search of the north pole. As far as the dirt and filth s concerned, even if it is the fault of the traveler-not the company-it could be, like on other roads, cleaned up at both ends of the line. In other words, does the writer of yesterday's article know what he is talking about or has he been granted special privileges which makes him forget his own past? About three years ago when he was employed in a bureau of the Agricultural Department in Washington he was the biggest "knocker," among the travelers on the railroad and greatly assisted in or-

ganizing the Commuters' Association, at

which time he was made secretary. Conditions have not changed even if Mr. Angelo-by virtue of being an employe of a railroad-has. The same people who traveled then, with the exception of the writer of the article in yesterday's Gazette, travel now, and suffer the same inconveniences experienced then-if not worse, notwithstanding Engineer Angelo's effusion to the contrary. No one wishes to attack Mr. Percy E Clift, the superintendent, for he is a concenial gentleman and an up-tc-date man; but as a mill will not grind with water that has passed, neither will a railroad run satisfactorily with wormout and old time machinery. Those who travel will not be made believe that

'bings are satisfactory, even if told so by the "secretary" of a defunct organizaiou. Those who have to work for their daily bread and pay exorbitant fares to reach their respective destinations are from Missouri—and want to be shown. As to comparing this surburban road with others which go out of Washington it would be a black eye to the Alexandria road which it would bardly tolerate. Hardly a day passes if anything unusual bappens, by virtue of the ele-ments, that the trains are not all late, greatly inconveniencing the traveling public in loss of time and money. It is an unusual thing when the trains are on time and it generally takes 40 minates to make the trip. But change of position in life, like politics, make range bedfellows, no matter whose inerests may be sacrificed. In conclu-

sion the traveling public would like to know whether, when their interests are at stake-not Mr. Angelo-it is necessary to write a letter to Mr. Angelo, who

may be 150 miles from home on a Southern Railway engine-in order to have a meeting of the commuters' association or more particularly to bave a meeting of those mest interested in reaching their respective destinations, and in o doing protect the positions they now

NO MEETING.

To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette: There will be no meeting of the Commuters' Protective Association of Alexandria and Washington. There surely must be some mistake regarding the meeting of this association which you advertise for Thursday, December 80th, as I have received no request or instructions to call our members together. It must be some new organization, as you failed to publish the names of the party calling it, and I do not think that one of our members would go about such a great undertaking in this way.

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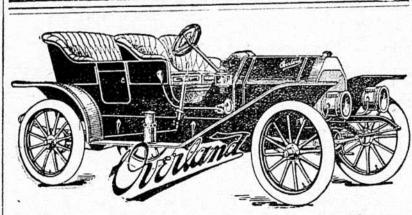
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